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BYSIEWICZ VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST BROADWATER

URGES U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY TO REJECT BIG OIL'S APPEAL TO INDUSTRIALIZE LONG ISLAND SOUND

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is writing United States Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and urging him to reject Shell Oil and TransCanda Pipelines's plan to locate the Broadwater floating natural gas terminal in the Long Island Sound. The Secretary of the State's action comes on the same day the companies announced their intention to appeal New York State's rejection of Costal Consistency Certification for the proposed project.

"The Broadwater project poses grave ecological, economic and safety threats for more than 10 million people in Connecticut and New York," said Bysiewicz. "This monstrosity should never be built; it is the wrong plan, at the wrong place, at the wrong time. The people of New York and Connecticut stand united in their opposition and we are determined to fight this proposal at every juncture. I respectfully urge Secretary Gutierrez to reject this ill conceived plan."

In March, Sec. Bysiewicz wrote to New York Governor David Paterson Joseph T. Kelliher Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, asking them to deny approval of the Broadwater facility.

In her letter to Chairman Kelliher, Bysiewicz wrote, "The (Connecticut Broadwater) Task Force's report clearly points to the fact that the Broadwater project would have a

detrimental impact on the region and that your agency has apparently ignored the environmental, economic, public policy, and safety and security risks associated with this proposal. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must take a step back and look at the broader picture. Only then would it realize that approving the Broadwater LNG facility would be both irresponsible and reprehensible.”

In her letter to Secretary Cortés-Vázquez Sec. Bysiewicz wrote, “I firmly believe the Broadwater LNG facility in the Long Island Sound would pose catastrophic and serious environmental and economic risks to the people of Connecticut and New York. There are viable alternatives to provide New York with the natural gas it needs and these alternatives will be up and running well before Broadwater is scheduled to be on line. I respectfully urge you to oppose the granting of a Coastal Consistency Certification for the certification of the Broadwater LNG site (F-2006-0345) pursuant to New York Department of State’s review under 387(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et. seq. ”

New York State joined Connecticut in opposition by denying Coastal Consistency Certification for the Broadwater project on April 10th.

Last year, Secretary of the State Bysiewicz testified before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission against the approval of the Broadwater LNG facility proposal and cited a wide range of serious environmental, security, economic, and other important concerns.